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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT: U-2R Handbook Status

1. On 13 August 1968, [redacted] called the undersigned for the purpose of verbally passing on a status report on the U-2R Dash One. This telephone conversation resulted from [redacted] dated 5 August 1968, which recommended a meeting be held with Customer One, Customer Two and [redacted] to discuss and approve the final writing prior to publication.

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2. As a result of the 15 May 1968 conference and message exchange since then, [redacted] is following the guide lines provided at that time and will prepare the handbook to primarily conform to the wishes of the primary users, the Agency and USAF detachments. [redacted] is being consulted on all sections and will review them thoroughly as they are released in draft and also make corrections and changes as they occur. [redacted] flight planning, will be permitted to review the flight performance data before it goes into final form. Comments from the SAC pilots receiving their initial 20 hours transition in the U-2R are also evaluated by [redacted]. At present, Section IV which will cover the camera and EWS configurations, is being reviewed in detail by Customer and [redacted] representatives. Major [redacted] is the Project Headquarters representative at the meeting which is being held at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

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3. Following are the highlights of the conversation between [redacted] on the pilots handbook:

a. Section I and II have been reviewed and coordinated with [redacted]

b. Section III and IV are under review at present.

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c. Section V (Limitations) is quite cut and dry in content.

d. Section VI is in the final writing stages.

e. Section VII will cover all Weather Operations and is being checked by [redacted]

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f. The Appendix on performance data isn't quite completed at this time.

4. Some fuel performance data has been forwarded to Project Headquarters from [redacted] however, [redacted] has not been an info addressee on this material. Request was made that [redacted] be provided the above data plus any new figures that are collected as it becomes available. [redacted] agreed to this request.

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5. Following are target dates for printing, assembly and distribution of the "R" Dash One as given by [redacted] to [redacted] M/OSA, on 14 August 1968:

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1 September
15 - 20 September
30 September

Begin Printing
Out of Publication
Estimated Delivery Date

6. After the above conversation, it would create further delay if another review of the handbook in final form was conducted. It is agreed that [redacted] has the review and coordination well in hand and that no useful purpose would be gained by additional conferences therefore, [redacted] will continue on to publication.

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7. [redacted] stated that he would call again on 21 August to report the status at that time. Unless there are instructions to the contrary, he will again contact the undersigned to pass on the latest information at that time.

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